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Changing of the guard at Dobbins ARB

By Staff Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

For members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 1230th Transportation Company, change came in the form of an activation notice. The Bainbridge, Ga., unit left two-lane highways for 10-lane highways, a slow pace for a fast pace, and old friends for a group of new comrades. They were assigned to guard Dobbins Air Reserve Base.



Photo by Don Peek

Staff Sgt. Harry Carter is an employee of the U.S. Postal Service and a heavy motor transportation driver for the 1230th Transportation Company. He is the front line of defense for Dobbins.



Photo by Don Peek

Master Sgt. Royce Davis, a Georgia forest ranger and 1230th Transportation Company first sergeant, said his troops have adapted well to their new environment.

While away from home and facing numerous changes, members of the unit are quick to point out, their involvement in the war on terror could be more difficult. A few of their fellow soldiers were sent overseas for duty.

"It is difficult to be away from our families, but we are fortunate that we are not too far away," said Sgt. Anthony Brookings, heavy motor transportation driver, who works for the Albany Fire Department. "Many of us live close enough that on our days off we are able to spend it with our families because most of us just live about four hours away."

About four hours away is the small town of Bainbridge, Ga., located in the path of the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers, which contribute to the great popularity of fishing among the local populace, and the town is the home of the 1230th Transportation Company.

Even though most people in the unit don't actually live in Bainbridge, it has become a second home for many, two days a month and three weeks a year. During those days the company did exactly what their name implied; they transported equipment.

The 1230th Transportation Company hauls anything from medium-sized vehicles to ammunition. The fleet includes 63 vehicles similar to an 18-wheeler known as 915 freightliners. After Sept. 11, the company was tasked with moving concrete barriers from their original storage area to bases that needed extra barriers for maximum force protection.

"Usually we use 10 vehicles for a specific mission," said Master Sgt. Royce Davis, the 1230th Transportation Company first sergeant. "Missions vary by the needs of the military at any given time. We are in the business of moving equipment from point A to point B under any conditions or under any circumstances."



Photo by Don Peek

Sgt. Calvin Hunter, an equipment parts specialist with the 1230th Transportation Company, checks vehicle and personal identification at Dobbins ARB.

When members of the 1230th Transportation Company were not transporting cargo, they could usually be found in their civilian jobs. These jobs range from correction officers to working for the Florida State legislature.

Sgt. Bob Grieco, a heavy motor transportation driver, is a former 14-year Air Force veteran that enjoys working for Wal-Mart as a driver transporting merchandise. The 18-wheeler he drives for Wal-Mart contributes to his job in the Guard by the amount of continuous training that he receives.

"Wal-Mart is a great company to work for," said Grieco. "They have always supported the troops and have gone out of their way to support me during my activation."

Civilian employers are not the only people supporting activated members. In times of activation, the families of military members must take on added responsibilities in the absence of the reservist.

"It is definitely tough on my wife that I am away from home," said Brookings. "I have a young boy at home and she has to take care of him by herself. Trying to run errands and having to give full attention to my son without a break is not easy on her."

Receiving support made the transition from transportation to base security that much smoother. The unit began their transition training at Ft. Bragg, N.C., with 10 days of training including weapons qualifications, gas chamber and riot control. After instructions from Ft. Bragg, the members proceeded to their final destination at Dobbins.

Here they received seven days of security forces classes that covered areas from handcuffing to vehicle stops.

The next time a vehicle pulls up to the front gate, remember the new additions to the security team.



Photo by Don Peek

Staff Sgt. Clifford Gardner, the nuclear, biological and chemical NCO for the 1230th Transportation Company and a Tech Strong Automotive employee, makes sure that the flightline remains safe at Dobbins ARB.

Wing names airmen of the quarter

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

A board has selected three airmen from the 94th Airlift Wing that stand out among their peers and represent the best airmen in the Air Force Reserve. Representing different levels of leadership, each airman made a significant contribution to the Air Force during the second quarter of 2003.

Leading this quarter's award winners is Senior Airman Toron Bordain, 94th Maintenance Squadron turboprop/turbo shaft propulsion journeyman. Named Airman of the Quarter, his efforts in house-keeping and maintaining workplace environmental standards resulted in his

squadron receiving the annual Base Environmental Award.

Along with his environmental efforts, he performs his regular duties above requirements, including his efforts in the quick removal, repair, and installation of four engines on an aircraft that saved the Air Force time and money. A full-time student at the Art Institute of Atlanta, Bordain is working toward a degree in Computer Animation.

Staff Sgt. Tim Clark, 94th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel distribution systems journeyman, was selected as the NCO of the Quarter. Clark was instrumental as a team leader in the maintenance and inspection of the R-11 refueling truck fleet and is developing instructions and checklist for

the fleet. He also participated in recent Homeland Defense deployments in support of refueling operations.

Master Sgt. Andretta Williams, 94th Maintenance Squadron information management craftsman, was selected as the Senior NCO of the Quarter. Her management skills and tools experience have resulted in a more efficient and customer friendly orderly room. Specifically, Williams created a PowerPoint for new supervisors in the unit, implemented refresher training for her staff and developed a more efficient upgrade for airmen in upgrade training. She holds a bachelors degree in Information Development and is working toward a certificate in financial management.

Top 3 meeting focuses on mentoring

By Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman
Public Affairs

Mentoring and professional development were part of the events and discussions during the third quarter Dobbins Top Three meeting on the August Unit Training Assembly.

Master Sgt. Randy Johnson presided over the induction ceremony of the master sergeants joining the ranks of the senior noncommissioned officers. "More will be expected of you, more will be demanded of you - not because you are an E-7 but because you are now a master sergeant" is part of the creed that was read to the new inductees.

Thirteen men and women joined the Dobbins Top Three roster this quarter.

Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, led the new inductees with the reaffirmation of the Enlisted Oath of Office and presented each a Certificate of Induction, welcoming them into the senior NCO ranks.

The ranks of master sergeant, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant are not the only business of the Top Three organization. A report on the progress and

support for the Dobbins 56 Club, the NCO mentoring organization for the staff sergeant and technical sergeant ranks was given.

Chief Master Sgt. Les Davy, 22nd Life Support superintendent and president of the Dobbins Chiefs Group, emphasized the importance of the 56 Club for mentoring and generating communication between technical and staff sergeants.

Other business discussions included the Top Three's sponsorship of the new Dobbins Aviation Explorer Post, a youth development program that provides exposure to aviation opportunities, the submission

of a standard election process for the appointment of officers, and Professional Military Education opportunities.



Photo by Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman

The new inductees reaffirm the Enlisted Oath of Office and were presented with Certificates of Induction into the senior NCO ranks by Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander.

Wing design competition for new front lobby of Building 838

A competition began during the July unit training assembly to deliver the best design suggestion for the Bldg. 838 lobby. Prizes will be awarded to the winner or winners of the design contest. Suggestions must be written and sent to the Public Affairs office. E-mail ideas to reid.hanna@dobbins.af.mil or fax them to 678-655-5056.

This month, Maj. David Rodberg, a 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, entered the competition. Rodberg input the idea of a Dobbins flight history mural for the lobby.

Part of his suggestion is to make an aircraft mural. The mural could highlight the aircraft used throughout Dobbins' history. Then a timeline, with a brief description of every aircraft used here, could be added. The mural would be an artistic rendering of these aircraft on the long wall in the lobby. The timeline could be part of the mural, but Rodberg added another idea for the timeline. A plaque or another mural of the timeline could go on the smaller wall to the left of the aircraft mural. A description of older aircraft would not distract from the mural.

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Retired chiefs to be recognized at Dobbins Inn

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

Make your plans now to meet Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (retired) Paul Airey and 94th Airlift Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor, Chief Master Sergeant (retired) Faye Whitehead. Airey was installed in 1967 as the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force while Whitehead was the first female Senior Enlisted Advisor appointed to the 94th Tactical Airlift Wing. She was also the first female in the Reserve nominated for that senior leadership position.

Their visit is in conjunction with the dedication of five chief suites at the Dobbins Inn, two of which are named for these enlisted pace setters. As part of the

dedication, both will address Dobbins airmen before the annual Fall Fling on Saturday, Oct. 4, in Bay 3 Hangar at building 838.

Airey spent much of his 27-year career as a first sergeant. During World War II, however, he served as an aerial gunner on B-24 bombers, and on his 28th mission in 1944, over Vienna, Austria, his plane was hit by flak and Airey bailed out at 18,000 feet. He ended up as a German prisoner of war and was liberated by British forces in 1945.

In 1966, the Air Force had more than 5,900 chief master sergeants on duty. When the service began its search for the first Chief

Master Sergeant of the Air Force, only 26 of those chiefs were eligible for the posi-

tion. He retired Aug. 1, 1970. As he says, he's just as close to the Air Force as ever; he just doesn't put on the uniform every morning.

While Airey was a first, it was only 25 years later that another chief made her footprint in the record book.

Growing up in Shreveport, La., Whitehead joined the Air Force Reserve at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, in 1973. She moved to Dobbins ARB in 1990 and was named to the senior enlisted position the next year. Her energy, care for others and enthusiasm for her job and the Dobbins enlisted force was a benchmark standard. Always involved and always watching over her fold, Whitehead brought a light and lively personality to the senior

enlisted ranks. She retired in 1996, but often stops by to visit with her Dobbins family.

"This makes us all proud to belong to the Air Force enlisted corps," said Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman, 700th Airlift Squadron Formal Training Unit loadmaster superintendent, who chaired a committee for the naming of the suites. "We crossed generations of accomplishments by enlisted airmen to select the names of those who represent a cross section of our enlisted values."

The Dobbins Chiefs Group is sponsoring the suite dedication and this year's fling.

(Editors Note: Watch the November issue of the Minuteman for more information about the dedication of the suites.)



Courtesy Photo
**94th Airlift Wing
Senior Enlisted
Advisor, Chief
Master Sgt. (retired)
Faye Whitehead.**



Courtesy Photo
**The first Chief
Master Sgt. of the
Air Force, Chief
Master Sgt. (retired)
Paul Airey.**

September is Hazmat Awareness Month

By Gina Rose
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The Hazardous Material Management Process Team is sponsoring Dobbins' first annual Hazmat Awareness Month in September.

The purpose of the activities planned for the month is to raise the level of employee awareness of hazardous material usage in and around the shops and offices on base. The goal for the HMMP team is to educate and inform everyone working on Dobbins Air Reserve Base of programs and procedures in place for the proper management of the many hazardous materials used.

The HMMP team, made up of representatives from various organizations on base that affect hazardous material usage, is led by Gina Rose of the Civil Engineering Environmental Quality Flight and includes Grant Lynch of Bioenvironmental Engineering, Ron Durant of Safety, Larry Moss of Hazmat/Supply, Eric McDaniel and Rodney Long of the Fire Department, and Debbie Lee and Tom Dobeck of Contracting. Having worked together for the past several years, this team has become the model AFRC Hazmat Pharmacy team, which has developed

unique and widely used tools throughout the Air Force Reserve for managing and tracking hazardous materials on Air Force Reserve bases.

A recent educational tool developed by the team, the Earl Can briefings, has reached its first year mark and has already become an Air Force-wide product through dissemination using the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence hazardous materials listserve forum. Personnel overseas and all over the country wait to see what Earl has to say each month. It has proven to be a successful educational and awareness tool on Dobbins, based on the favorable e-mail remarks received by the HMMP team each time a briefing goes out.

Earl will be appearing briefly at the wing staff meeting on Sept. 3 to kickoff the awareness campaign. Activities scheduled include: Authorization Amnesty Days, where hazmat users can come to the Hazmat and get the help they need from the HMMP team, visits to nonshop offices by Earl, and a hazardous material identification contest for shops.

The campaign will culminate in a Hazmat Fair at Lakeside with the Fire Department grilling some lunchtime treats for fair attendees.

For more information about the hazardous material program, contact Gina Rose at 678-655-5264.

New 94th Services chief receives her service stripes



Photo by Don Peek

Brand new Chief Master Sgt. Vernetta Joyner receives her stripes from her mother, Deloris Kirby, left, and her mother-in-law, Annie Joyner, right, at an induction ceremony held during the August unit training assembly. Annie is the mother of active duty Staff Sgt. Dexter Joyner who could not attend the pinning. Chief Joyner is the 94th Services Squadron services superintendent. Baby Joyner is due to be welcomed into the Dobbins family in January.

Sergeant promotes the American Dream

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

Reservists hold a unique place in society. Once a month, we are called upon to promote the American Dream on behalf of our fellow citizens. No matter what our civilian job, for an instant each month, we are living, breathing embodiments of the American Dream.

Staff Sgt. Aida Gonzalez, 80th Aerial Port Squadron air cargo specialist, is in a unique position. Unlike most of us, Gonzalez's civilian career allows her to actively promote the American Dream on a full-time basis. When Gonzalez isn't in uniform she's the director of the Cobb County Office of the Latin American Association.

"The Latin American Association aids latino immigrants, by giving them the proper tools to effectively take part in the American way of life," said Gonzalez. The organization offers a variety of adaptive services ranging from employment, immigration, family, youth, housing, education and English language courses. Ultimately, the goal of the organization is to enable the immigrants to assimilate into society while preserving the unique elements of the latino culture.

"Our adaptation services have really made a difference in the lives of those latino immigrants we help," said Gonzalez. Many immigrants, especially youths, get involved in gangs because sometimes they don't easily fit into American culture, she added. To counteract the influence of gangs in the latino community, The Latin American Association offers mentoring programs to debunk misconceptions the youths may have and supplies the kids with a person to vent their problems to.

"We recently held a summer program for latino youths ranging from 14-years-old to 21-years-old," said Gonzalez.



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

Staff Sgt. Aida Gonzalez (center), 80th Aerial Port Squadron air cargo specialist and director of the Cobb County Office of the Latin American Association, speaks to a young newlywed couple about quality of life issues.

The purpose of the summer camp is to improve the youths' performance in mathematics and English and to develop their artistic talents. As with all Latin American Association events there is an effort to change the notions many latino immigrants have about America.

"In many Latin countries, the military is used as a tool of oppression," said Gonzalez. She hopes to change the stereotypes some Latin immigrants hold by introducing them to positive examples of the military. Through her affiliation with Dobbins Air Reserve Base as a member of the 80th APS and with the help of her fellow reservists who volunteer their time in the organization, they are slowly removing the stigma some latinos have about the military.

"I've had a lot of support from the command in showing latinos the positive side of the military," said Gonzalez. With a little luck, perhaps some of the younger members and visitors of her organization

will follow in her boot steps, she added.



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

Staff Sgt. Aida Gonzalez displays her 80th Aerial Port Squadron hat at the Cobb County Office of the Latin American Association in Marietta, Ga.

Computers donated to local Latin youths

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

In the midst of global conflict overseas, Dobbins Air Reserve Base recently took the opportunity to participate in humanitarian efforts in the United States.

In accordance with the Ensuring Opportunity For All Children in the Next Century Presidential Executive Order, Dobbins Air Reserve Base will donate 10 computers to the Cobb County Branch of the Latin American Association in hopes of promoting the United States Air Force to the Latin community.

"I was really happy to help facilitate the donation of the computers," said Base Information Processing Management Systems manager Larry Lopez. The goal in donating the computers is to promote support for those students who may not have access to computers and to ensure all children with potential are given a chance to succeed in America.

"If things work out well for the Latin American Association, we may be able to donate more computers to them in the future," Lopez added.

"The computers will arrive soon," said Staff Sgt. Aida Gonzalez, 80th Aerial Port Squadron air cargo specialist and director of the Cobb County Office of the Latin American Association.

The computers will be used to aid latino youths with their homework as well as to provide children, with little or no access to computers, exposure to Internet.

"We have a new challenge coming when they get here," Gonzalez said. "We have to obtain software to run them all."

The computers will also need programs to help with employment, immigration, youth and family services, housing, education and English language courses, said Gonzalez.

Reserve compiles list of service obligations for training

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Reservists and those planning to join the Air Force Reserve will incur a service obligation for certain kinds of training, education and promotions starting Oct. 1.

The following are the events affected by Air Force Reserve Command's Reserve Service Commitment Policy and the corresponding lengths of service required:

Undergraduate pilot training - 10 years, undergraduate navigator training - six years, air battle manager undergraduate training - six years, and in-residence advanced flying training - three years. Non-prior service enlistment - six years or term of enlistment. In-residence doctoral medical/dental education or technical training for 20 weeks or longer - five years concurrent with other service commitments. Military Physician Assistant Training - four years. Line, chaplain and judge advocate officer com-

missioning from the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., and Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. - four years.

In-residence Air Force weapons instructor course - three years for all Air Force specialty codes. In-residence education or technical school training for 20 weeks or more - three years. In-residence non-doctoral medical/dental education or technical training for 20 weeks or longer - three years concurrent with other service commitments. Officer in-residence professional military education at intermediate or senior service school - three years. Direct accession of health profession officer - three years minimum term of service. Promotions to top 3 enlisted ranks - two years or date of high year of tenure, whichever is less. Commissioned officer promotions are not affected per the Reserve Officer Personnel

Management Act. Officer tuition assistance - two years per Air Force Instruction 36-2306, Education Services Program. In-residence instructor qualification courses - two years. Enlisted in-residence professional military education - two years. Ready Reserve Health Professions Stipend Program - a minimum two-year service obligation at a rate of two years for each year of assistance. Graduate medical/dental education and deferred/re-deferred residency training through the Health Professions Scholarship Program and Financial Assistance Program - one year for every year of training with a minimum service obligation of two years. Squadron Officer School, and Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala. - one year. Two or more Reserve Service Commitments will be served concurrently. When RSC events overlap, the lengthiest obligation will take precedence. (AFRC News Service)

Air Force unveils plan to wear test new utility uniform

WASHINGTON - Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and

tant, a uniform you will be proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform," Jumper said. "In the last 20 years, material tech-

created to meet future needs.

"I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape," he said. "This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward."

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said.

"I believe it's a uniform fitting of the world's greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear," he said. "We want your feedback as well - not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment."

"It's important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen's needs," Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:

- Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics;
- A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform,
- Recalling the "tiger stripe" camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.



Photo by Senior Airman Manuel Martinez

The Air Force logo is interspersed throughout the new Air Force utility uniform.

includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

"Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most impor-

nology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance."

Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

"We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions," he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is



Photo by Senior Airman Manuel Martinez

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Besko (left) and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both with the 11th Communication Squadron, try out the Air Force test utility uniform in a computer server room.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Second Lt. Arcelia Miller of the Air Force's special security office puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century airmen.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford dons the test Air Force utility uniform in the Pentagon's courtyard. The uniforms will undergo wear-testing beginning in January. Airmen from a cross section of Air Force career fields will provide feedback on the fit, durability and functionality of the proposed ensemble that will come in men's and women's cuts.

Georgia ESGR Bosslift rallies at Dobbins

By Senior Airman Paul Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

One leg of the Georgia Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift began at the Savannah International Airport in Savannah, Ga., during an early morning downpour, complete with darkened skies and rumbling thunder. The rain eventually lessened when Georgia employers, ESGR members and military escorts converged on Dobbins. The visitors from Savannah, Warner Robins, Rome, Menlo, Cartersville, Garden City, Milledgeville, Macon, Statesboro and Metro Atlanta, arrived using different methods of transportation, to include a C-130, a C-26, a bus and several cars.

"A Bosslift is an opportunity for employers of reserve and Guard members to visit military training sites where those members train. This gives employers the chance to observe the type and quality of training and leadership programs reservists receive," said Bob Dubiel, Georgia ESGR Bosslift chairman and Museum of Aviation Foundation vice president of communication and annual giving.

Soon after arriving at Dobbins, the group toured the only C-130 simulator on the eastern seaboard. Many sat in the pilot's seat and took the controls. The experience is realistic -- creating landscapes, other aircraft and weather situa-

tions for crew members to maneuver through. The program looks so realistic that several people winced as they crashed into trees, buildings and even the ground.

The group had lunch at the Consolidated Club, while the 94th Airlift Wing Base Honor Guard performed an informative and heart-felt demonstration

showing respect to fallen and missing military members.

The employers were also given an opportunity to see Dobbins firefighters in



Photo by Don Peek

Bob Fordham, a Lockheed Martin flight engineer, instructs Tom Wessels, retired Army Reserve major general and Georgia ESGR chairman elect, how to pilot the C-130 Hercules simulator and use techniques needed to make a safe landing.



Fordham instructs another ESGR crew to pilot the C-130 Hercules simulator. According to the flight records, many of the group's



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift crowd gathered to watch Dobbins Air Reserve Base firefighters extinguish several staged fires from ruptured natural gas tanks to crashed aircraft.



Dobbins Air Reserve Base firefighters display their fire extinguishing techniques to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift crowd.

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action as they demonstrated their ability to extinguish fires on a simulated aircraft crash, ruptured gas tank and burning building.

The Air Force Reserve was not the only focus of the tour. The group also visited with the Navy and Marine Corps at Naval Air Station Atlanta. The Navy tour began with a video production explaining

the capabilities of Navy and Marine Corps F-18 Hornet jets. Not only did the group watch a video about the F-18, they also got a chance to sit in the cockpit of an F-18 simulator.

The Marines demonstrated their martial arts abilities for the crowd. Clad in body armor and helmets and standing at parade rest, on cue, they demonstrated

combat techniques and training with weapons such as knives, batons and their bare hands.

"Discipline is of primary importance to our military members," said Col. Timothy Hanifen, Marine Aircraft Group 42 commander. "In order to concentrate on their jobs, reservists have to feel confident that their families and their jobs are safe

and waiting for them to come home. That feeling of security is why we can serve."

The feeling of security Hanifen refers to is one of the missions of ESGR. Since its establishment in 1972, ESGR has strived to build employer and community support to ensure reservists are available and ready to serve the United States in a military role.

The ESGR mission is important because the nation's Ready Reserve components number about 50 percent of the total available U.S. military manpower.

One way to foster this understanding is through events like Bosslifts. "Bosslifts provide employers and ESGR volunteers an opportunity to see the on-going enhancements and changes in the military and all services - active, Guard and reserve," said Tom Wessels, a retired Army Reserve major general and Georgia ESGR chairman elect. "This knowledge may encourage employer support of Guard and reserve members during times, like now, when we are seeing more military activity."

For more information about Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, go to www.esgr.org. The website offers information about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, as well as award nomination forms to recognize supportive employers.



Photo by Don Peek

simulator in all types of weather and terrain. s simulated flights ended quickly as crash landings.



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

Col. Timothy Hanifen, Marine Aircraft Group 42 commander at Naval Air Station Atlanta, greets the ESGR Bosslift group after some of his Marines demonstrated their nonlethal crowd control techniques.



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

skills in a burning building demonstration for the lift crowd.



Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

Master Sgt. Greg Lee, a 700th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, covers several safety measures, such as fastening seatbelts and following in-flight emergency procedures, before the C-130 Hercules departed Savannah, Ga.

A note of thanks to those who serve

(Editor's note: This commentary is printed with permission from its author Christy Ferer, a New York native whose husband, Neil Levin, was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Ferer was part of a recent United Services Organizations tour to Iraq.)

NEW YORK (AFP) - When I told friends about my pilgrimage to Iraq to thank the U.S. troops, reaction was underwhelming at best.

Some were blunt. "Why are you going there?" They could not understand why it was important for me, a 9/11 widow, to express my support for the men and women stationed today in the Gulf.

But the reason seemed clear to me: 200,000 troops have been sent halfway around the world to stabilize the kind of culture that breeds terrorists like those who I believe began World War III on Sept. 11, 2001. Reaction was so politely negative that I began to doubt my role on the first USO/Tribeca Institute tour into newly occupied Iraq where, on average, a soldier a day is killed.

Besides, with Robert De Niro, Kid Rock, Rebecca and John Stamos, Wayne Newton, Gary Sinise, and Lee Ann Womack, who needed me?

Did they really want to hear about my husband, Neil Levin, who went to work as director of the New York Port Authority on Sept. 11 and never came home? How would they relate to the two others traveling with me: Ginny Bauer, a New Jersey homemaker and the mother of three who lost her husband, David; and former Marine Jon Vigiano, who lost his only sons, Jon, a firefighter and Joe, a policeman.

As we were choppered over deserts that looked like bleached bread crumbs, I wondered if I'd feel like a street hawker, passing out Port Authority pins and baseball caps as I said "thank you" to the troops. Would a hug from me mean anything at all in the presence of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and a Victoria's Secret model?

The first "meet and greet" made me weep. Why? Soldiers, armed with M16s and saddlebags of water in 120-degree heat, swarmed over the stars for photos and autographs. When it was announced that a trio of Sept. 11 family members was also in the tent it was as if a psychic cork on an emotional dam was popped.

Soldiers from all over our great country rushed toward us to express their condolences. Some wanted to touch us, as if they needed a physical connection to our sorrow and for some living proof for why they were there.

One mother of two from Montana

told me she enlisted because of Sept. 11. Dozens of others told us the same thing. One young soldier showed me his metal bracelet engraved with the name of a victim he never knew and that awful date none of us will ever forget.

In fact at every encounter with the troops there would be a surge of reservists - firefighters and cops, including many who had worked the rubble of Ground Zero - wanting to exchange a hometown hug.

Their glassy eyes still do not allow anyone to penetrate too far inside to the place where their trauma is lodged; the trauma of a devastation far greater than anyone who hadn't been there could even imagine. It's there in me, too. I had forced my way downtown on that awful morning, convinced that I could find Neil beneath the rubble.

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad. Others had clearly been holding in stories of personal 9/11 tragedies which had made them enlist.

USO handlers moved us from one corner to the next so everyone could meet us. One fire brigade plucked the three of us from the crowd, transporting us to their firehouse to call on those who had to stand guard during the Baghdad concert. It was all about touching us and feeling the reason they were in this hell. Back at Baghdad International Airport, Kid Rock turned a "meet and greet" into an impromptu concert in a steamy airport hangar before 5,000 troops.

One particular soldier, Capt. Vargas from the Bronx, told me he enlisted in the Army after some of his wife's best friends were lost at the World Trade Center.

When he glimpsed the piece of recovered metal from the Towers that I had been showing to a group of soldiers he grasped for it as if it were the Holy Grail. Then he handed it to Kid Rock who passed the precious metal through the 5,000 troops in the audience. They lunged at the opportunity to touch the steel that symbolized what so many of them felt was the purpose of their mission

- which puts them at risk every day in the 116-degree heat, not knowing all the while if a sniper was going to strike at anytime.

Looking into that sea of khaki gave me chills even in that blistering heat. To me, those troops were there to avenge the murder of my husband and 3,000 others. When I got to the microphone I told them we had not made this journey for condolences but to thank them and to tell them that the families of 9/11 think of them every day. They lift our hearts. The crowd interrupted me with chants of "USA, USA, USA." Many wept.

What happened next left no doubt that the troops drew inspiration from our tragedies. When I was first asked to speak to thousands of troops in Qatar, after Iraq, I wondered if it would feel like a "grief for sale" spectacle.

But this time I was shaking because I was to present the recovered WTC steel to Gen. Tommy Franks (former U.S. Central Command commander). I quivered as I handed him the icy gray block of steel. His great craggy eyes welled up with tears. The sea of khaki fell silent. Then the proud four-star general was unable to hold back the tears which streamed down his face on center stage before 4,000 troops. As this mighty man turned from the spotlight to regain his composure I comforted him with a hug.

Now, when do I return?

More lobby design ideas for Bldg. 838

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Several ideas come from Tech. Sgt. Tommy White, 80th Aerial Port Squadron air transport specialist.

White suggests a Dobbins Hall of Fame. This would recognize and commemorate individuals and events that have contributed to the existence of Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

The Hall of Fame could support photographs of individuals, historical aircraft and locations at Dobbins. Also, it could focus on people and equipment involved with humanitarian missions, military conflicts, military involvement with the community, Honor Guard, charitable deeds and mobilized reservists.

It could highlight other units or branches of military along with the 94th Airlift Wing.

Another idea is to have a timeline from what was once a watermelon patch to what is now Dobbins ARB. The chart could highlight Dobbins' historical details

Dobbins reservists continue training during Air Expeditionary Force rotations



Photo by Maj. Robert Couse-Baker

Jerry Bowling, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, douses a training fire at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia.

Nutrition may reduce the risk of cancer

By Tsgt Houston Gilliland Jr.
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Obesity is obviously a health risk. Aside from the obvious risks, avoiding obesity also may reduce the risk of uterine, breast, gall bladder, prostate and colon cancers.

Eat a varied diet because moderate intake of many foods offers the best hope in lowering your risk of cancer.

Include a variety of vegetables and fruits in the daily diet as they may reduce risk of colorectal, prostate, stomach, esophagus and lung cancers.

Eat more high-fiber foods such as whole grain cereals, vegetables and fruits to possibly reduce risk of colon cancers.

Cut down on total fat intake as it may reduce risk of breast, prostate and colon cancers.

Eat less smoked, salted and cured foods. Less salt may reduce risk of esophagus and stomach cancers.

Limit alcohol consumption, or quit drinking, and this may reduce risk of liver, larynx, esophagus, throat and mouth cancers. Less alcohol may possibly reduce the chance of breast, pharynx, and stomach cancers.

Minuteman contest

Write a story about anything pertaining to Dobbins Air Reserve Base or experiences with the Air Force Reserve for the *Minuteman*. You are encouraged to write stories about deployments, involvement with the community, charities and education efforts. Prizes will be awarded to the writers of the best stories. Stories will be edited and printed in the *Minuteman*. Quality photos are always welcome. Stories will be accepted by e-mail to reid.hanna@dobbins.af.mil. For more information, call Public Affairs at 678-655-5055.

Invaluable C-130 Hercules



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Manuel Martinez

The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the primary transport for troops and equipment into hostile areas. More than four decades have passed since the Air Force issued its original design specification. The versatile and venerable C-130 remains in production. The initial production model was the C-130A. A total of 219 were ordered and deliveries began in December 1956. The C-130 aircraft operate throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, theater commands, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peacetime and wartime situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, arctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, aerial spray missions, fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

Activated C-130 units on alert to defend homeland

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Homeland defense has not taken a backseat to operations in Iraq as two units in the Air Force Reserve Command can attest.

Nearly 300 members of the 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn., and an equal number of reservists from the 913th AW at Willow Grove ARS, Pa., were activated in March to support homeland defense.

"As far as homeland defense, we are just on alert and don't know when it's going to be over," said Lt. Col. Douglas Trostad, 96th Airlift Squadron commander. "As long as there is not an attack on the homeland, we don't have to (respond to an alert)."

In the meantime, the units continue to take up slack in the airlift community as active-duty units are deployed.

"We move personnel and cargo anywhere in the United States following a schedule of alert set up by the Tanker Airlift Control Center (Scott AFB, Ill.)," said Capt. Dan Johnson, 934th AW logistics readiness squadron commander and wing plans officer. "We are basically tasked with tactical airlift for the continental United States."

The 913th AW is also seeing a heavy workload. The unit has supported the Army paratroopers Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training program by working with first-time jumpers and highly qualified paratroopers providing necessary training and practice for real-life incidents. This training keeps aircrews current in airdrop while paratroopers meet their required jumps. The unit has also picked up medical evacuation flights running every two weeks from Willow Grove through Puerto Rico and Cuba and then home. More missions mean more work for maintenance crews, and there has been no exception at the 913th AW. But working 18-hour days with two nine-hour shifts has resulted in the wing's mission capable rate going up by 25 percent.

"We have it down to a couple of hours," said Maj. Donald Donofry, 913th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, speaking of the time it takes to turn around an aircraft. "We are seeing fewer red balls, meaning fewer malfunctions while crews are in their seats."

"The maintainers take a tremendous amount of pride in seeing the result of their efforts," said Capt. Thomas Walter, 913th Maintenance Squadron maintenance officer.

"This is a highly visible statistic in the operations world."

The 934th AW is also operating at a heightened level.

"Our main focus is bravo alert with a 12-hour response time," said Maj. David Mattson, 934th AMXS commander. "Our flying schedule changes hourly, but we pretty much have aircraft on alert daily, sealed and ready to go."

"Our maintenance people are the best out there," he said. "They are working on 40-year-old airplanes, and it's a real testimony of their experience and skill."

Home-station activation brings challenges reservists don't ordinarily have to deal with.

"Being at home is good and bad at the same time," Trostad said. "It's good to be able to have contact with families, but because you're home you have family activities that conflict with work." Trostad said they are trying to take care of family issues.

The 913th and 934th airlift Wings are now deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(AFRC News Service from 913th AW and 934th AW news releases)

Reserve faces reductions in number of reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve Command units lose a net 1,156 drill and 75 civilian positions as a result of personnel and aircraft realignment, according to an Air Force force structure announcement July 23.

The announcement addresses the fiscal year 2004 President's Budget force structure, realignment and management actions required to achieve efficiencies, modernize or make organizational changes, said Air Force officials.

The force structure announcement calls for reducing 1,249 and increasing 93 drill authorizations, losing 141 and gaining 66 civilian positions, and adding 12 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

These and other changes affect Reserve units at 28 locations but do not change this year's projected end strength of 75,600 reservists for the command. The president's proposal for FY 2004 calls for an additional 200 reservists in the Reserve.

As in years past, force structure reductions in manning authorizations at some locations will be partially offset by replacement aircraft and mission changes.

The following actions at AFRC locations, in alphabetical order according to installation, appear in the announcement:

Andrews AFB, Md. - The 459th Airlift Wing converts from eight C-141C transport aircraft to eight KC-135R refueling aircraft resulting in a decrease of two civilian and 132 drill positions.

Beale AFB, Calif. - The 940th Air Refueling Wing increases the crew ratio for its authorized KC-135s, resulting in an increase of six civilian and three drill positions. The 940th Combat Logistics Support Squadron loses four civilian and 117 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

Dover AFB, Del. - The 512th AW, a

Reserve associate unit that flies and maintains aircraft with the active force's 436th AW, loses 131 drill positions as a result of the host unit eliminating four C-5 aircraft.

Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS, Wis. - The 440th AW reduces one C-130H2 aircraft, resulting in a reduction of nine civilian and 35 drill authorizations.

Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind. - The 434th ARW loses four KC-135R aircraft while increasing the crew ratio for the remaining authorized KC-135 aircraft, resulting in a reduction of 13 civilian and 48 drill positions.

Hill AFB, Utah - The 419th CLSS loses 26 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

Keesler AFB, Miss. - The 403rd Wing gains seven civilian and seven drill authorizations as a result of a crew ratio increase for authorized aircraft.

Lackland AFB, Texas - The 433rd CLSS loses 90 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

March ARB, Calif. - The 452nd Air Mobility Wing loses two KC-135R aircraft, reducing the wing's authorized aircraft to eight, while also increasing the crew ratio for the remaining authorized aircraft, resulting in a reduction of four civilian and 24 drill positions. The 452nd AMW retires eight C-141 aircraft in FY 2004.

Maxwell AFB, Ala. - The 908th AW gains seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations because of a C-130H crew ratio increase.

McChord AFB, Wash. - The Air Force does not indicate a change to the 446th AW as a result of the active force's 62nd AW gaining five C-17 aircraft.

McConnell AFB, Kan. - The active force's 22nd ARW loses 12 KC-135 aircraft and more than 200 military authoriza-

tions, but the Air Force does not indicate a change in the 931st Air Refueling Group, a Reserve associate unit.

McGuire AFB, N.J. - The Air Force does not indicate any changes to the 514th AMW, a Reserve associate unit, as result of the active force's 305th AMW gaining three C-17 aircraft and losing four C-141 aircraft.

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn. - The 934th AW retires two C-130E aircraft and replaces them with two C-130H2 aircraft, while increasing the crew ratio for authorized aircraft, which results in an increase of seven civilian and 11 drill positions.

Niagara Falls IAP ARS, N.Y. - The 914th AW gains seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations as a result of a crew ratio increase.

Peterson AFB, Colo. - AFRC activates a new associate unit in support of the Air Force Space Command Network Operations and Security Center, resulting in an increase of five full-time AGR and 15 drill authorizations. The 302nd AW reduces one C-130H aircraft, resulting in a reduction of seven civilian and 25 drill authorizations.

Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa. - The 911th AW increases the C-130 crew ratio, resulting in an additional seven civilian and 11 drill authorizations.

Portland IAP, Ore. - The 939th ARW increases the crew ratio for authorized KC-135 aircraft, resulting in eight more civilian and three more drill positions.

Robins AFB, Ga. - The 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron loses 56 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

Schriever AFB, Colo. - AFRC activates a new associate unit in support of the space aggressor squadron, resulting in a

seven more AGR and 15 more drill authorizations.

Scott AFB, Ill. - The 932nd AW, a Reserve associate unit, loses 81 civilians and 239 drill positions as a result of the retirement of 10 C-9A aircraft in the active force's 375th AW.

Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. - The 927th ARW gains six civilian positions and three drill positions as a result of an increase in the crew ratio. However, the wing loses one civilian and eight drill authorizations as a result of conversion from eight KC-135E aircraft to eight KC-135R aircraft.

Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. - The 916th ARW loses two KC-135R aircraft, resulting in a reduction of four civilian and 24 drill positions.

Tinker AFB, Okla. - The 507th ARW increases the crew ratio for authorized KC-135, resulting in 11 more civilian and three more drill positions. The 507th CLSS loses 42 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

Travis AFB, Calif. - The 349th AMW loses 131 drill positions as a result of the active force's 60th AMW losing four C-5 aircraft.

Willow Grove ARS, Pa. - The 913th AW reduces one C-130E aircraft and increases the crew ratio for the remaining authorized C-130E aircraft, resulting in a reduction of nine civilian and 35 drill authorizations.

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio - The 445th AW retires eight C-141 aircraft, while the 445th CLSS loses 61 drill authorizations to match wartime requirements.

Youngstown ARS, Ohio - The 910th AW reduces one C-130H aircraft, resulting in a loss of seven civilian and 25 drill authorizations. (AFRC News Service)

Dobbins new 56 Club focuses on leadership and mentoring

By Staff Sgt. Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

Taking challenges and overcoming obstacles are part of being a noncommissioned officer. New NCOs often find the role of leadership difficult. But for members of the 56 Club, obstacles and challenges are discussed routinely.

The 56 Club, for technical and staff sergeants, was created to better develop leadership skills, to act as a platform for resolving issues, to share information and to mentor other NCOs. The club held its first meeting at Dobbins Air Reserve Base during the August unit training assembly.

Master Sgt. Mark Brown began the meeting with an explanation of how this club evolved from an idea born in the Top Three.

"Last year the 56 Club was just an idea," said Brown. "Now it is a reality and I am very excited that I can

participate in the first meeting. Everyone here has positive energy and together the group has a powerful voice."

Tech. Sgt. Robert Kane, president of the 56 Club and a Transportation Proficiency Center instructor for the 952nd Reserve Support Squadron, stressed the importance of participation from all the members and how participation is vital. Leadership is the foundation of military performance, and we need all technical and staff sergeants to join the 56 Club.

"I have seen many facets of the Air Force since my active-duty days back in the 1970s," said Kane. "Knowledge is everything! Through knowledge you can give the senior airman and airman the keys they need to become the future leaders of the Air Force."

The meeting focused on the responsibilities and enthusiasm involved with military duty and conveyed that an active role in leadership leads to excelling in any rank. For information about the club or attending the next 56 Club meeting, contact Kane at 678-655-5797.



Photo by Don Peek

Behind the scenes of the 56 Club are from left: 80th Aerial Port Squadron information manager and club administrator, Staff Sgt. Patrina Sheffield, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander's assistant and club treasurer, Tech. Sgt. Larry Lopez, 94 Security Forces Squadron administrative assistant and club vice-president, Tech. Sgt. Genia Johnson, and Transportation Proficiency Center instructor and club president Tech. Sgt. Robert Kane.

Split disbursement changes

Effective immediately, the Air Force Reserve has implemented mandatory split disbursement for all reservists. This requires travelers to separately identify travel card charges on a voucher and directly disburse those amounts to Bank of America. Travel vouchers should comply with this requirement. Travel claims that fail to designate the split disbursement amount or are without the proper signatures will be returned to travel for correction. For additional information on split disbursement, contact your unit's coordinator.

Firing Range warning notice

Trespassing on the small-arms firing range, located at 2123 Munitions Road, is illegal and dangerous because of gunfire. For information or access to the range, contact 94th Security Forces Squadron at 678-655-4798 or the Security Forces Control Center at 678-655-4908.

Bingo at the Consolidated Club

The Dobbins Consolidated Club hosts a weekly Bingo program every Thursday. Cards go on sale at 5 p.m. The Early Bird game begins at 6:45 p.m. and regular games begin at 7 p.m. It's a fun night with \$1,100 on the line. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Consolidated Club Members only dining

The club is offering some fine food and great music for members only. Come join the fun from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 5. Chateau Briand will be served for \$10.95.

Prime rib is also available for \$10.95 and all pricing for the meals are at member prices. Disc jockey Marque Cooper will also play great music each evening. For more Consolidated Club members information, call 678-655-4594.

Who's the best in the AS?

The 700th Airlift Squadron is holding a flight competition called the Mustang Rodeo starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 6. Scheduled events for the rodeo include an airdrop, time over target and assault landing competitions. To catch the action, you can watch from the observation deck at Base Operations. For more information, contact Maj. Doug Hopper at 678-655-4098.

Annual Family Day

The 94th Airlift Wing Family Day will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Lakeside Recreation area. As always, food, music and good times will be in abundance. Bring your family out to meet your reserve military family. For more information, call 678-655-5716.

POW/MIA remembrance

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 452 and its auxiliary invite you to join them and Dobbins ARB as they host the annual Living Memorial Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, near the Navy Medical Clinic. Join in honoring all prisoners of war and those who are missing in action. A reception will follow the POW/MIA tree planting ceremony. For more information, call 678-655-5055.

Super Bingo is back

The doors open at 4 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 25 as the Consolidated Club serves up yet another round of



Photo by Don Peek

It's service before self as Air Force Sergeants Association Division 4 President Murphy Green and Chapter 452 President Sam McDowell brave the heat and flip burgers at this year's annual picnic. The annual event is sponsored by AFSA Chapter 452 and its auxiliary.

Super Bingo with a \$5,000 payout. The Early Bird game begins at 6:45 p.m. Regular games start at 7 p.m. You cannot afford to miss this, and you cannot attend if you are under 16 years old. Anyone entering the Bingo room must purchase at least one house pack of cards. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Fall Fling coming in October

It's that time of the year again when nights are cooler and a good bowl of chili hits the spot. So what could be better after a day of mobility exercising than chili, barbecue, snacks and drinks? There will be plenty for everyone at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, in Bldg. 838, Bay 3. This year's event comes with a disk jockey and door prizes. The Fall Fling is free to all Dobbins personnel and retirees. Plan to come early to meet and greet the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (retired) Paul Airey and the first female Senior Enlisted Advisor of the 94th Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve (retired) Faye Whithead.

Dining facility closed

The dining facility will be closed the weekend of the October Unit Training Assembly. The Dobbins Consolidated Club will provide meals during October.

Join the thrills at Casino Night

Calling all high rollers on Saturday, Nov. 1, for a fun-filled night of gaming as the Consolidated Club opens up the craps, roulette, poker and blackjack tables. Along with the gaming, hors d'oeuvres, prizes, raffles and disc jockey Marque Cooper all come at the low price of \$20 per person. You can make reservations at the club beginning Sept. 16. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Safety Corner

No left turns on to base

If driving into the main gate to Dobbins causes you confusion, irritation or stress, read on. It should help you understand northbound traffic on Hwy U. S. 41, also known as Cobb Parkway.

When northbound on Cobb Parkway, instead of turning left on to the base, turn right and take the ramp to the right. You will be traveling west on South Cobb Drive. Exit to the right on the first available ramp. You will be on Cobb Parkway Southbound, about ¼ mile north of the base. Continue south and make a right turn on to the base at the main gate.

It is unsafe to ignore the traffic cones placed on Cobb Parkway at the entrance to the base. They were placed there to prevent left turns on to the base, an unsafe act because movement of the southbound bumper-to-bumper traffic could be restricted. U-turns are illegal in this area, so follow the prescribed route of travel.

If short on time, consider using an alternate entrance into the base like the Lockheed gate near the intersection with South Cobb Dr. and Atlanta Road. There is also the Navy gate farther down Atlanta Road. Try arriving earlier or later than usual. Have identification cards ready to display to security personnel and carpool.

Some motorists are civilians that have other destinations and schedules. Your driving habits, good or bad, impact the public opinion of the military.

We lose a family member

(Editor's note: Perry Deaton was Air Force through and through. A retired master sergeant and husband of Master Sgt. Andrea Deaton, 22nd Air Force publications manager; he was always ready to serve. We lost Perry in July to a heart attack, but will always have fond memories of his dedication and commitment. This article, written by J.E. Geshwiler, appeared in the Atlanta Journal Constitution and describes the life Perry loved.)

Master Sgt. (retired) Perry Deaton had a rare skill. He was a loadmaster, the noncommissioned officer who supervises the loading of cargo aboard a military transport plane and its unloading, plus the air-dropping of supplies when required.

His job was to ensure that loads didn't shift in flight, thereby threatening the aircraft's stability, and that air drops were delivered on target and on time.

"As a loadmaster, Perry was at the top of his game," said Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman, 700th Airlift Squadron Formal Training Unit loadmaster superintendent. "He was always ready at a moment's notice to handle a mission."

"Perry -- or P.D. as we often called him -- was loadmaster for a C-130 crew from Dobbins that won the 1985 Air Drop Rodeo at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina," Cowman said. "It was tough competition against U.S. air crews from around the world, and for the first time, an

Air Force Reserve unit won first prize." Deaton served in the Air Force for 33 years, seven of those on active duty, before retiring in 2001 at the rank of master sergeant. He did two tours in Vietnam and one during the first Gulf War.

"Perry flew many peacetime missions as well, including humanitarian relief flights to South Florida after Hurricane Andrew and to Honduras after Hurricane Mitch," said Cowman. "We do so many of these that it becomes routine.



Trained as an aircraft mechanic as well as a loadmaster while in the Air Force, Deaton worked at Lockheed Martin's Marietta facility as a quality assurance inspector for the Defense Logistics Agency, checking parts for C-130 transport planes and F-22 fighters.

"In his spare time, Perry liked to go over to McCollum Airport outside Kennesaw and visit with pilots of private planes there," said his wife, Master Sgt. Andrea Deaton, 22nd Air Force publications manager. "Perry often volunteered to do things for them like install a radio. In return, he'd get to go up for a ride and a chance to play co-pilot."

Survivors include two daughters, Stacie Mabry of Lawrenceville and Jennifer Deaton of Canton; a son, Bobby Deaton of Canton; his parents, James and Verla Deaton of Gainesville; and a sister, Kay Handran of Gainesville.

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Newly assigned

Maj. Larry E. Tyer, Jr.	Senior Airman Landrita McFarland
Capt. Sherman L. Free	Senior Airman Edward T. Mullis
Capt. Jeffrey H. Moore	Senior Airman Melinda J. Novak
2nd Lt. Teresa T. Stone	Senior Airman Tanika N. Pilgrim
Master Sgt. Cherie L. Connolly	Senior Airman Johnny R. Todd
Master Sgt. Clarence Hester Jr.	Senior Airman Vincent E. Wilson
Tech. Sgt. Vanessa D. Miguel	Airman 1st Class Cameron L. Champion
Tech. Sgt. Russell M. York	Airman James M. Amica II
Staff Sgt. Adam N. Ebacher	Airman Basic Zena N. Fudge
Staff Sgt. Vanilla B. Harris	Airman Basic Candice L. Hunter
Staff Sgt. Xavier L. Jones	
Staff Sgt. Audrey Q. Latson	
Staff Sgt. Tamara V. Miller	
Staff Sgt. Anthony N. Shell	
Staff Sgt. Darin S. Thomas	
Senior Airman Florence L. Hickman	
Senior Airman Randall D. Janinda	
Senior Airman Eric O. Johnson	
Senior Airman Jeffrey P. Land	

Promotions

Chief Master Sergeant

Vernetta Joyner

Senior Master Sergeant

Vincent E. Ledbetter

Technical Sergeant

William A. Smoot

September UTA Schedule

SATURDAY

Activity	Time	Location
Sign in	7-8:30 a.m.	Unit assigned
Wing element staff mtg	7:30-8 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
M-16 rifle AFQC	8 a.m.	Combat arms range
Occupational physicals	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Newcomers intro	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
OJT Managers MTG	9-10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
NBCCD Refresher	9-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
Newcomer's orientation	9-3:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Deployment mgrs mtg	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
Occupational physicals	1 p.m.	Navy Clinic
CDC Exams	CANCELLED	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
NBCCD Refresher	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
Retreat (94th SFS)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 922/Front
94th AW Family Day	Noon-4 p.m.	Lake Pavilion

SUNDAY

Activity	Time	Location
Physical exams (aircrew)	8 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Physical exams (others)	8:30 a.m.	Navy Clinic
3S0X1 Trn.	8-9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
Immunizations	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
HRDC meeting	9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
Fam Spt Gp Vols	9-9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2313
Yellow Fever shots	9-10 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Chiefs Group mtg	9-10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
CDC exams	9 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
IG complaints	10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2105
Enl. advisor council mtg.	10-10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
1st Sgts. meeting	CANCELLED	Bldg. 739/622RSG
Cmdr's working lunch	11:30 a.m.	Com (Marietta room)
Flying Safety	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
30-day record review	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Immunizations	1-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic
Supervisor safety trng.	1:15-2 p.m.	Bldg. 744/2nd Fl.
Depl Outpro Brief	2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
Trng Review Pnl	2-3 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS

schedule is subject to change